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SUBJ: FOOD AID FOR NIGER

ROME FOR SKILES

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ACTING UNDP RES REP DOSS HAS PROVIDED US WITH FOLLOWING
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING OSRO PLANS FOR NIGER
SUPPLEMENTING REF A AS FOLLOWS:

1) OSRO IS PROPOSING SEND MULTI-DONOR MISSION (MDM)
TO NIGER THIS FW), PRECEDED BY INFORMAL EVALUATION
TEAM IN OCTOBER TO LOOK AT FOOD STOCKS AND GENERAL FOOD
SITUATION AND RELATED PROBLEMS SUCH AS TRANSPORT.
DOSS SAYS HE IS URGING TEA ALSO TAKE HARD LOOK AT
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CROP PROTECTION PROBLEM. OSRO IS PROPOSING MDM ON

"EXCEPTIONAL BASIS" BECAUSE ALL INDICATIONS POINT TO DEFICIT OF SIZABLE PROPORTIONS IN NIGER DURING 75/76 CROP YEAR.

2) OSRO IS RECOMMENDING DONORS START NOW TO PROVIDE AT LEAST 75,000 TONS AS FOOD RESERVE FOR NIGER DURING 75/76 CROP YEAR. WHILE PREMATURE TO DETERMINE NIGER'S EXACT REQUIREMENTS, IT CLEAR AT LEAST 75,000 TONS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR 75/76 CONSUMPTION YEAR. IT COULD BE CONSIDERABLY MORE.

3) OSRO IS ASKING ITS LAGOS REP TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITIES OF PURCHASING OF APPROXIMATELY 20,000 TONS OF MILLET AND SORGHUM IN NORTHERN NIGERIA FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ZINER AND MARADI DEPARTMENTS OF NIGER. IF SUCH STOCKS CAN BE OBTAINED, THIS WOULD BE BY FAR QUICKEST WAY TO MOVE SUPPLIES TO NIGER. FYI. ANOTHER INFORMAL MEETING OF DONOR REPS RESIDENT IN NIAMEY HAS BEEN CALLED BY UNDP SEPTEMBER 4 TO REVIEW SITUATION. END FYI.

COMMENT: FOREGOING IS GENERALLY IN LINE WITH REF A. WE BELIEVE IT PRUDENT TO PLAN NOW FOR EARLY DELIVERY OF US SORGHUM AS WE DAD LAST YEAR (23,500 TONS). WE ALS N BELIEVE THAT IN NIGER'S CASE, WE SHOULD SUPPORT CONCEPT OF SOME SORT OF OUTSIDE MISSION SUCH AS MDM RATHER THAN LOCAL MULTI-DONOR COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN REF B. AS NIGER'S FOOD REQUIREDMENTS WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL, MULTI-DONOR MIXSION WOULD BE ABLE TO GENERATE MORE INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION AND MOMENTUM TO MEET THESE NEEDS THAN WOULD BE POSSIBLE BY LOCAL COMMITTEE. IN ADDITION, LATTER'S FINDINGS WOULD HAVE LESS STANDING WITH GON AND WITH DONOR COMMUNITY THAN OUTSIDE GROUP.HECK

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